

BRC MOTION #2
CORRECTIONS AND MANDATE TO SATISFY HEADQUARTERS'
AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S REQUIREMENTS
MAY 13, 2025

WHEREAS: Executive Director Curt Gomulinski advised that the Chapter Bylaws would soon be scrutinized for compliance, and there are two issues which must be addressed.

WHEREAS: Issue #1 is that the names of two of the eligible programs listed in Section 6.01(e) do not match the names shown on the ABET and K-State websites.

WHEREAS: Issue #2 is that Section 7.06 allows the Advisory Board to elect candidates to membership which violates Article III, Section 4(b)(3) of the Constitution of Tau Beta Pi which requires election by vote of the active chapter membership.

I MOVE: On behalf of the BRC for Bylaw VI Section 6.01(e) to be amended as follows:

(e) Only students in engineering programs approved by the Association will be considered for membership. For graduate and undergraduate students, these programs include:

- (1) Architectural Engineering.
- (2) Biological ~~and Agricultural~~ **Systems** Engineering.
- (3) Biomedical Engineering.
- (4) Chemical Engineering.
- (5) Civil Engineering.
- (6) Computer Engineering.
- (7) Computer Science.
- (8) Electrical Engineering.
- (9) Environmental Engineering.
- (10) Industrial ~~and Manufacturing Systems~~ Engineering.
- (11) Mechanical Engineering.

AND for Bylaw VII Section 7.06(a) to be amended as follows:

SECTION 7.06. Election Procedure. (a) When a candidate has fulfilled their orientation, service project, social event, and signature booklet requirements, they then must be elected, via secret ballot, by an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the Chapter's active membership ~~or by the unanimously affirmative vote of the Advisory Board.~~

BRC MOTION #3
CONSOLIDATION OF MEETING NOTICE PROVISIONS
MAY 13, 2025

WHEREAS: Section 3.01 exclusively specifies regular meeting notice provisions, yet Section 3.04 also includes a clause specifying a required two-week period of notice for all meetings requiring a quorum.

WHEREAS: It makes more sense to have all such provisions in one section.

WHEREAS: Every regular meeting requires a quorum.

I MOVE: On behalf of the BRC, for Bylaw III Sections 3.01 and 3.04 to be amended as follows:

SECTION 3.01. **Notifications.** Notices stating clearly the time, place and purpose of each regular meeting shall be sent electronically to all active members of the Chapter. **Members are entitled to at least two weeks of notice before a regular meeting.**

SECTION 3.04. **Frequency.** Regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held twice a month, excluding the first and last months of the academic semester, which only require one meeting, starting the second week of each academic semester and continuing until the end of the same semester. The first regular meeting shall not address any matters requiring a quorum of three-fourths of active membership. A regular meeting which requires three-fourths quorum cannot happen more than once in a month, ~~and members are entitled to at least 2 weeks of advance notice before a regular meeting requiring a quorum.~~

BRC MOTION #4
IMPROVED REMEDY FOR INACTIVATIONS
RESULTING FROM REGULAR MEETING ABSENCES
MAY 13, 2025

WHEREAS: Section 3.03(f)(3) provides that the Executive Committee's approval of excused absences is required for automatic reactivation of a member who was not sufficiently present at a regular meeting.

WHEREAS: The process of automatic inactivation is relatively new to the Chapter, and since the first few rounds of inactivation, meeting attendance has not been an ongoing issue throughout the spring 2025 semester.

WHEREAS: Inactivation can still occur during regular meetings as a procedural necessity to ensure quorum, but it is less confusing and less stressful for members if their inactive status is not unnecessarily prolonged past the period of procedural necessity.

WHEREAS: Section 5.02(d) provides that all officers are active members, which includes alumnus advisors according to Section 2.03(b), which means that advisors must be considered when determining quorum, but only active student members can vote on certain issues such as candidate elections, which means that quorum is effectively altered by the absence of people who are ineligible to vote regardless.

I MOVE: On behalf of the BRC, for Bylaw III Section 3.03(f)(3) to be amended as follows:

(3) Absences from regular meetings shall be excused in accordance with the relevant provisions of the bylaw on membership duties contained herein. A member who was inactivated for an absence during the opening roll call of a regular meeting shall be automatically reactivated following the final roll call of the same meeting ~~if their absence was pre-excused by the Executive Committee or shall otherwise be reactivated upon the Executive Committee's approval of their excused absence request, which shall be considered at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee.~~

AND for striking Section 5.02(d) from Bylaw V as shown below:

~~(d) Elected officers of the Chapter shall be considered active members for the whole duration of their term in office.~~

BRC MOTION #5
MODIFICATION OF CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS
MAY 13, 2025

WHEREAS: The culture of the Chapter has been sufficiently shifted towards continuous involvement such that there are now regularly more general members attending service projects than candidates due to our Chapter's growing size.

WHEREAS: All active members are required to complete one service project per semester.

WHEREAS: Requiring candidates to complete a service project before they join often requires the candidacy timeline to be elongated by many weeks to facilitate the projects.

WHEREAS: Removing the service requirement from the candidacy process would not negate the requirement for them to regularly participate in service as members, but it would allow initiation to occur much earlier in the semester, which means that initiation would not immediately precede the banquet and a regular meeting.

WHEREAS: In other words, this change would prevent us having six hours of back-to-back events just before dead week.

WHEREAS: Article III, Section 2(a) of the Tau Beta Pi Constitution provides that "Activities shall be limited to tasks and duties that are a test of a candidate's intellectual abilities and mentality rather than physical strength and endurance and shall not consume an inordinate amount of time to the possible detriment of required college work."

WHEREAS: Currently, the Chapter's service projects are not in compliance with said section of Tau Beta Pi's Constitution due to their simple and physical nature.

WHEREAS: For correctness' sake, new members should never be referred to as initiates, as they are only initiates during the initiation ceremony.

I MOVE: On behalf of the BRC, for Bylaw VII Section 7.10 to be amended as follows:

SECTION 7.10. **Chapter Banquet.** All ~~initiates~~ **new members** shall attend the ~~semesterly~~ banquet ~~immediately following~~ **during** their ~~ceremony~~ **semester** of initiation into the Association. Each **new** member shall be officially presented with their membership certificate, **member identification card, and key** during the banquet.

AND for striking Section 7.02 from Bylaw VII as shown below:

~~SECTION 7.02. Service Project. All prospective student candidates shall attend and actively participate in no less than one service project specified by the Chapter officers.~~

AND for renumeration of Sections 7.03 through 7.12 such that they now be referred to as Sections 7.02 through 7.11

BRC MOTION #6
ENSURING ROBUST STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEES AND
EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF WORK AMONG ACTIVE MEMBERS
MAY 13, 2025

WHEREAS: It is unclear when the Executive Committee shall present its preliminary budget proposal to the active membership, nor is it clear how committee allocations shall be modified in response to external funding changes.

WHEREAS: It is also unclear when the Executive Committee shall present semester schedules, nor is it clear which events should be scheduled by the whole Chapter.

WHEREAS: There are over 200 members on the Chapter's eligibility list each semester, and it is most advantageous to establish systems which can handle the growth potential of the Chapter, should it initiate a majority of those eligible.

WHEREAS: A Chapter with 200 meaningfully contributing members could never reasonably expect its members to attend all events. (200 bent decorators would be disastrous.)

WHEREAS: Only those basic events for which attendance by all active members is required should be determined by vote of the active membership at a regular meeting, and events specifically designed for less attendance can be scheduled internally by committees, if committee membership remains high enough to reliably staff committee events.

WHEREAS: Committee membership has been relatively low and unpredictable due to its present reliance on volunteerism alone.

WHEREAS: An overreliance on volunteerism creates unfair conditions where some put forth extreme amounts of effort, yet others put forth little to none, and it creates a culture of hesitation to serve, since the first volunteers must accept that they could be taking on all the workload unless others choose to join in.

WHEREAS: In other words, there is no assurance for distribution of the Chapter's workload under the present system, which institutionalizes inequity and resentment among members.

WHEREAS: Mandatory committee service would ensure equitable distribution of work amongst the active members, and would allow for a simpler points system in accordance with the tracking of membership statuses required by Section 5.02(b) in Bylaw V.

WHEREAS: There is local precedent for mandatory committee service in organizations such as Steel Ring, where work is systematically distributed amongst their active members.

WHEREAS: Mandatory committee service is in line with the culture of continuous involvement which has been fostered in the Chapter, and it will provide members with direct ownership and pride related with the Chapter's local and national achievements.

185 **WHEREAS:** Creating a system which institutionalizes equitable involvement will allow the
186 Chapter to meaningfully engage potentially hundreds of members at a time while respecting
187 their individual commitments and availability.

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189 **WHEREAS:** Successfully doing so will make Kansas Gamma the highest performing chapter
190 per eligible member in the whole Association, and the resulting recognition will glorify
191 Kansas State University on an international stage while also maximizing the local impact of
192 the Chapter on our college and community.

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194 **WHEREAS:** Gender specific language is inappropriate in 21st century legal documents.

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196 **I MOVE:** On behalf of the BRC, for Bylaw IV Sections 4.01(b-c) to be amended as follows:

197 ~~(b) The Executive Committee shall prepare, for adoption by the active members, budgets,~~
198 ~~semester schedules, and other broadly applicable policies.~~

199 (b) No later than the first regular meeting of each semester, the Executive Committee shall
200 prepare and present to the active membership a semester schedule outlining the dates and times
201 of the initiation ceremony, chapter banquet, candidacy social, regular meetings, service projects.
202 The dates and times of which shall be further modified only by vote of the active membership,
203 unless the proposed schedule includes back-up dates and times for unforeseen conditions such as
204 inclement weather.

205 (c) No later than the second regular meeting of the fall semester, the Executive Committee
206 shall prepare and present to the active membership an annual budget specifying committee
207 allocations throughout the present fiscal year. Allocations shall only be modified by vote of the
208 active membership.

209 (ed) The Executive Committee shall meet regularly as needed.

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211 **AND** for Bylaw IV Section 4.03(d) to be amended as follows:

212 (d) The President shall provide written lists of specific duties and responsibilities to the
213 committee ~~chairmen~~chairpersons.

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215 **REMAINDER OF MOTION POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT $\frac{3}{4}$ QUORUM MEETING**

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217 **AND** for Bylaw V to be amended as follows:

218 **SECTION 5.04. Committee Service.** Active members shall serve on no less than one
219 committee at a time for the duration of their membership. Committee service shall be defined as
220 holding an elected office or an appointed position on a committee. Credit for committee service
221 shall be granted in accordance with Chapter policies. Committee appointments shall be made by
222 the Executive Committee with due consideration of committee preferences expressed by the
223 members.

224 **Section 5.045.05. Responsiveness.** Active members shall respond in a timely manner to
225 electronic surveys, RSVPs, and questionnaires distributed by the officers on behalf of the
226 Chapter.

BRC MOTION #7
CHAPTER AWARDS
MAY 13, 2025

WHEREAS: It is of utmost importance to preserve the context for which Chapter awards are given, and for who they are honoring.

WHEREAS: While not yet established, alumni have recently suggested that the Chapter create an award honoring Dr. Richard B. Hayter who was chief advisor for most of the 2000s.

I MOVE: On behalf of the BRC, for Bylaw VIII Sections 8.01 and 8.02 to be amended as follows:

Section 8.01. **Fowler Most Outstanding Member Award.** (a) The Chapter shall grant this award to its most outstanding active member, excluding officers, no more than twice per annum.

(b) This award shall honor the contributions and dedication of Dr. Eddie R. Fowler, Kansas Gamma '57, who served as a former chief advisor of the Chapter **and received Tau Beta Pi's Outstanding Advisor Award in 1999.**

(c) The prize for this award shall be determined by Chapter policies.

Section 8.02. **Hayter Award Placeholder.** (a) *This section shall remain reserved as a placeholder until the Chapter develops a suitable award to honor Dr. Richard B. Hayter.*

(b) *This award shall honor the life of Dr. Richard B. Hayter, South Dakota Alpha '65, who served as a former chief advisor of the Chapter and received Tau Beta Pi's Outstanding Advisor Award in 2008.*

(c) *The prize for this award shall be determined by Chapter policies.*

AND for renumeration of existing Sections 8.02 through 8.07 such that they now be referred to as Sections 8.03 through 8.08.